

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

CLAIMS

Claim 1. (currently amended): A telephone location system comprising:

an a ~~location determining~~ telephone handset;

a telephone service provider providing telephone location services in communication with said handset wherein, said telephone service provider is able to locate said handset ~~when a user of said handset allows such location and unable to locate said handset when said user does not allow such location~~, said user being able to block location of said handset for a time duration determined by said user by an action taken by said user directly on said handset, said action causing said handset to send a message to said telephone service provider, wherein said telephone service provider blocks location determination;

a consumer location service facility accepting a request from a consumer to locate a particular cellular handset, said consumer location service facility cooperating with said telephone service provider to determine a telephone handset location of said particular telephone handset when said user allows such determination; said consumer location service facility then communicating said telephone handset location to said consumer.

Claim 2. (original): The telephone location method and service of claim 1 wherein said telephone handset location is returned to said consumer by verbal description.

Claim 3. (original): The telephone location method and service of claim 1 wherein said telephone handset location is supplied to said consumer by means of a map.

Claim 4. (original): The telephone location method and service of claim 1 wherein said consumer location facility communicates with said consumer by internet.

Claim 5. (original): The telephone location method and service of claim 1 wherein said consumer location facility returns a longitude and latitude to said consumer.

Claim 6. (cancelled).

Claim 7. (previously presented): A method for providing consumers a telephone handset location of a permitting handset comprising:

~~allowing a handset user to block handset location determination at all locations for a time duration determined by said handset user by performing an action directly on said handset;~~

requesting a telephone handset location from a consumer service facility; said consumer service facility;

requesting a service provider for a location of said handset; said service provider;

allowing a handset user to block handset location
determination at all locations for a time duration
determined by said handset user by performing an
action directly on said handset, said action including
said handset sending a message to said service
provider requesting blocking of location
determination;

determining the location of said handset if location
determination is not blocked, said service provider;

communicating the location of said handset to said
consumer service facility;

sending to the consumer the location of said handset
by said consumer service facility.

Claim 8 (cancelled).

Claim 9. (original): The method of claim 7 wherein said
request is via the internet.

Claim 10. (currently amended): A consumer service that provides locations of permitting mobile telephones on demand from consumers for a fee, said consumer service comprising a means for communicating a consumer request for location of a mobile telephone to a mobile telephone service provider; a means for a user to block location of a mobile telephone at all locations for a duration determined by said user by performing an action directly on said mobile telephone, said action causing a message to be sent from said mobile telephone to said mobile telephone service provider requesting blocking of location determination; a means for said consumer service receiving back from said mobile telephone service provider a position of said mobile telephone; a means for converting said position to a relational position; means for providing said relational position of said mobile telephone to a consumer.

Claim 11. (cancelled).

Claim 12. (previously presented): The consumer service of claim 10 wherein said mobile telephone service provider uses assisted GPS to determine longitude and latitude of said mobile telephone.

Claim 13. (currently amended): A method of providing consumers with a current location of a cellular telephone where a consumer service bureau communicates with a plurality of mobile service providers comprising the steps of:

a cellular telephone user permitting location of a particular cellular telephone at all locations for a duration determined by said user or blocking location of said particular cellular telephone at all locations for a duration determined by said user;

a consumer requesting from the consumer service bureau a current location of a particular mobile telephone by providing a telephone number of the mobile telephone to the consumer service bureau, whereby the consumer agrees to pay a first predetermined fee to the consumer service bureau for this service;

the consumer service bureau determining which mobile telephone provider owns the telephone number provided by the consumer;

the consumer service bureau requesting from the determined mobile telephone provider the location of the particular mobile telephone, whereby the consumer service bureau agrees to pay a second predetermined fee for this service to the mobile telephone provider;

the mobile telephone provider placing a location request into its telephone system to locate the particular mobile telephone;

the mobile telephone provider returning a position of the particular mobile telephone to the consumer service bureau if location of said mobile telephone has not been blocked by an action of said user performed directly on said mobile telephone, wherein said action by said user sends a message to said mobile telephone provider requesting blocking of location determination;

the consumer service bureau translating the returned position of the particular mobile telephone to a relational format if not in relation format;

the consumer service bureau returning the position of the particular mobile telephone to the consumer.

Claim 14. (previously presented): The method of claim 13 further comprising the step of the mobile service provider returning an error message to the consumer service bureau if the particular mobile telephone cannot be located or location has been blocked.

Claim 15. (previously presented) The method of claim 14 wherein blocking of location is controlled by particular identification to allow location access to parties presenting particular identification.

Claim 16. (previously presented): The method of claim 15 wherein said particular identification is a PIN number.

Claim 17. (currently amended): A telephone location system comprising a plurality of mobile telephones each with capability of blocking location information for a time duration determined by a user of said mobile telephone by an action performed by said user directly on a mobile

telephone, said action including sending a message from
said mobile telephone to at least one mobile service
telephone providers requesting blocking of location
determination, and a plurality of mobile service said
mobile service telephone providers pooling location
services wherein a consumer could request at least one of
said providers to locate a particular mobile telephone and
said providers could communicate with other of said
providers to locate said mobile telephone and return a
location of the telephone to said consumer if a user of
said mobile telephone has not blocked location information.

Claim 18. (original): The telephone location system of
claim 17 wherein at least one of said service providers
charges said consumer a fee for said return of said
location.

Claim 19. (original): The telephone location system of
claim 17 wherein one of said service providers charges
another of said service providers an access fee for said
return of said location.

Claim 20. (previously presented): The telephone location service of claim 1 wherein said telephone service provider and said consumer location service facility are a single entity.